

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 6, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN – *Chair Pro Tem*
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O’Connell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Katherine Pellerin called the meeting to order at 8:46 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin welcomed students from the University of Connecticut and Goodwin College

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board’s responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

UPDATES

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin welcomed Jeffrey Marvin as a new Public Member to the Board appointed by Governor Rell on September 24, 2010.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised Agendas were distributed this morning.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – EXTENDING THREE YEAR CONTRACTS WITH CLINICAL AGENCIES

This item will be tabled to the November 3, 2010 meeting. The Regulations state a minimum of three years.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls received during the month of August 2010 with the Board.

NCSBN UPDATES

Jen Filippone summarized what the NCSBN is for the Board Members. Jen Filippone also announced that she was reappointed to the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements Committee.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Kathy Shea, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry, Mertie Terry, and Jeff Marvin who all abstained. Chair Pro Tem Katherine Pellerin signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 20, 2010.

The Board would like the Department to review the language for Memoranda of Decision and Consent Orders regarding the outcome of drug screens if Respondent consumes poppy seeds, mouthwash, or cough medicine.

PREHEARING REVIEW – HEATHER JEANETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review regarding Heather Jeanetti. It was the recommendation of the Board to continue with the current probationary terms as ordered in the October 15, 2008 Consent Order.

Break 9:05 AM – 9:18 AM

FACT FINDING – JENNIFER TELAGE-VENTURINI, LPN

Ms. Telage-Venturini was present for the Fact Finding. Chair Pro Tem Pellerin recused herself from this proceeding only. Mary Brown moved to deny Ms. Telage-Venturini's request to be reinstated. The motion was seconded by Danielle O'Connell and passed with all in favor with the exception of Mertie Terry and Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING - DEBBI MARTIN-BROWN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Martin-Brown was present without representation at this hearing. Attorney Shanley provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Tarah Cherry moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to deny the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained. At this time the Respondent provided an oral response to the Statement of Charges. Ms. Martin-Brown requested a continuance in order to allow time to retain counsel. Mary Brown moved that the hearing be continued to December 1, 2010. If the Board Office does not receive the Respondent's licenses as ordered in the Summary Suspension Order dated September 15, 2010, by 4:30 PM on October 13, 2010, the hearing will be held on October 20, 2010 at 11:30 AM. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Martin who abstained.

HEARING – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Antonetti provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Cameron has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Cameron be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Cameron's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING – KATY DUCLOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Duclos was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Wilan provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Duclos has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to grant the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to find Ms. Duclos as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Duclos' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING – JENNIFER PECCERILLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Peccerillo was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Wilan provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Peccerillo has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Peccerillo be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Peccerillo's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:10 AM.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

The Board reviewed Ms. Prentiss' Motion to Reopen Hearing. Jennifer Prentiss was not in attendance at this meeting. Danielle O'Connell moved, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to deny Respondent's Motion to Reopen Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SHARON TAYLOR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Sharon Taylor. Ms. Taylor was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marc Bilodeau. Mr. Bilodeau was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 3, 2010.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ERINN TEMPESTA, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Tempesta who was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. It was the recommendation of the Board to increase the frequency of the urine screens and therapy reports with no change in the current length of probation.

HEARING - JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vitale was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Vitale and Lynn Keenan, RN.

At 12:40 PM Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to enter into Executive Session to take testimony regarding confidential medical records. Executive Session ended at 12:44 PM. The hearing concluded.

Ms. Vitale admitted paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Danielle O'Connell, to find that Ms. Vitale has violated the terms of probation by virtue of testing positive for alcohol. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to modify the terms of the current probation to require weekly urine screens and monthly therapist reports for the remainder of the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

Donna Roberts moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to vacate the Summary Suspension of the Ms. Vitale's registered nurse license which was ordered on October 6, 2010. Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision, Ms. Vitale's registered nurse license was ordered reinstated to probation, effective October 20, 2010, subject to the terms of the January 21, 2009 Consent Order. The motion passed with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono and Tarah Cherry who were opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:35 PM.